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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 12-14, 16, and 18 are pending. No claims are amended herein. The enclosed claim listing is provided for the Examiner's convenience. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Nonstatutory Obviousness Double Patenting Rejection

In the Office Action, claims 12-14, 16, and 18 of the present application are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,627,786 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,681,298 to Brunner et al.

The present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,627,786 are commonly owned as evidenced by the assignments recorded at reel/frame numbers 012942/0327 and 012512/0377, respectively. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith to overcome the nonstatutory obviousness double patenting rejection. Thus, claims 12-14, 16, and 18 are believed to in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application and indication of allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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